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SUBJECT: MORE BOMBS AT MERSA MATRUH

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0354

1. PRESS JULY 7 REPORTS THREE BOMB INCIDENTS PREVIOUS DAY AT MERSA MATRUH. ONE AT POPULAR RESTAURANT, ONE IN PORT AND ONE IN STREET DESTROYING A TRUCK. THERE WERE NO RPT NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

2. LATE LAST WEEK PRESS REPORTED BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYED ONE WALL OF BUS STATION AT DAMANHOUR, 40 MILES SOUTH OF ALEXANDRIA ON AGRICULTURAL ROAD TO CAIRO. AGAIN NO CASUALTIES.

3. SAME DAY IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT PASSENGER ON CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA EVENING LOCAL TRAIN SPOTTED SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE IN THIRD CLASS TOILET. POLICE CLAIMED IT WAS GELIGNITE BOMB WHICH THEY DISARMED. SEARCH OF TRAIN, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FOUND TWO OTHER "GELIGNITE AND TRINITROTOLUENE" BOMBS WHICH WERE ALSO SUCCESSFULLY DISARMED.

4. OBVIOUSLY IF BOMBS HAD GONE OFF IN PERENNIALLY OVERCROWDED COACHES, CASUALTIES COULD HAVE BEEN SEVERE. HOWEVER, QUERIES TO KNOWLEDGABLE SOURCES IN ALEXANDRIA OFFICES OF STATE RAILROAD

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CAST CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT THESE LATTER BOMBS EVER EXISTED

EXCEPT, PERHAPS, IN FERTILE MIND OF ANTI-LIBYAN PROPAGANDIST.

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